ARE YOU GOING TO BE OKAY FOR GOLDEN WEEK, SHINOBU-CHAN?
WITH EVERYONE GOING HOME, KAYANE MANOR WILL BE CLOSED
DO YOU HAVE SOMEWHERE TO GO?

YES!!!
GOLDEN WEEK STARTS!!
I'M GOING TO BE STAYING WITH RINDOU-KUN AT HIS PARENTS' HOUSE!!!
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IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, I'LL KILL RINDOU
IT'S BEEN THREE DAYS ALREADY... I WONDER IF SHINOBU'S OKAY
YOU KNOW, I'D REALLY LIKE TO LOCK UP SOON!!
WELL... HE'S SLEEPING OVER AT A FRIEND'S HOUSE
I WONDER IF HE'S HAVING FUN...

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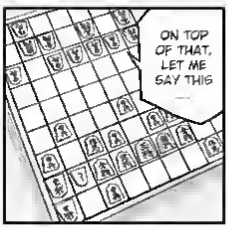
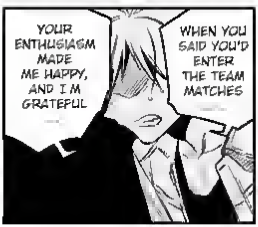

ON TOP OF THAT, LET ME SAY THIS


YOUR ENTHUSIASM MADE ME HAPPY, AND I'M GRATEFUL
WHEN YOU SAID YOU'D ENTER THE TEAM MATCHES

YES
SHINOBU

YOU SAW THE MATCHUPS FOR THE METRO TOURNAMENT RIGHT?
YES

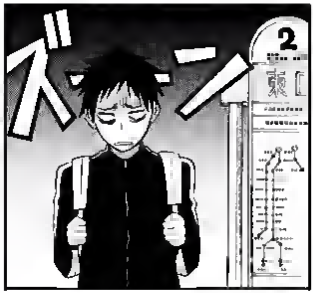
I'M SORRY !!!
YOU SUCK !!!

THE TEAM WE'LL PROBABLY MEET IN THE SEMIFINALS, KOMAE DAIICHI, ARE CHAMPIONS, TOO
WE HAVE TO GET THAT FAR WITH THE TWO OF US WINNING EVERY GAME...
KOMAE DAIICHI
AOBA'S SCHOOL, SHOUWA HIGH SCHOOL, IS IN THE EXACT OPPOSITE BLOCK...
WE SERIOUSLY HAVE TO GO ALL THE WAY TO THE FINALS IN ORDER TO FIGHT HIM
SHOUWA HIGH SCHOOL
SENGA HIG SCHOO

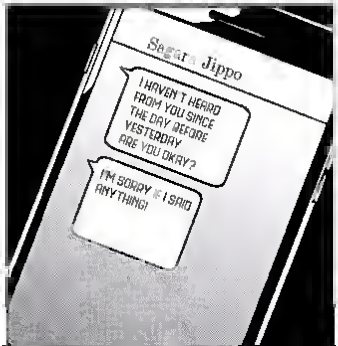
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE
WITH HOW YOU ARE NOW,
I'LL SAY THIS CLEARLY

WELL SORRY I SUCK AT TEACHING !!!
WHA...I WASN'T SAYING THAT!!!
COULD YOU GIVE ME SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE SPECIFIC
ALL YOU EVER SAY IS THAT I'M WEAK OR SLOW
WHAT !?
ACTUALLY, DIDN'T YOU GET WEAKER!!?
I MEANT IF YOU KEEP GETTING BETTER!! AT THIS RATE, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!
YOU DIDN'T SAY... THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE... THE OTHER DAY...

SIGN. TAKENOTSUKA STATION EAST EXIT



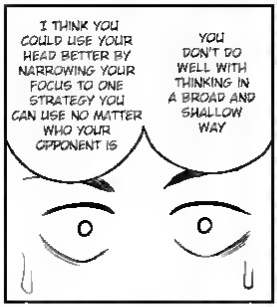
I WONDER WHY... THE MORE I TRY TO LEARN ABOUT SHOUGI, THE HARDER IT GETS TO PLAY...
I GET IT... IT'S MY FAULT FOR TALKING ALL BIG WHEN I'M SO WEAK...



IT'S FINE! I'M JUST GLAD NOTHING HAPPENED
I'M SORRY FOR INTRUDING ALL OF A SUDDEN
IT'S FINE I WAS IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA...
IT.. IT'S BEEN A WHILE, SHINOBU!!!
MY PLACE WASN'T TOO FAR, WAS IT?
MY PARENTS ARE GONE FOR GOLDEN WEEK, SO STAY AS LONG AS YOU WANT
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE HAD PEOPLE OVER, SO I CLEANED LIKE CRAZY
THANK YOU VERY MUCH...
...I SEE
SINCE WE PLAY ON THE APP EVERY DAY
IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE IT'S BEEN THAT LONG
BUT YOU KNOW... WE HAVEN'T MET SINCE THE TOURNAMENT, BUT-
I'M ALSO A BEGINNER... AND I PLAY EVERY DAY☆
...YOU REALLY FIGURED THAT OUT QUICKLY
AH- THAT'S PROBABLY IT! THAT!!
THERE ARE TOO MANY OPTIONS, AND YOU GET LOST, RIGHT?
SO IN SHORT, BECAUSE YOU'VE ACCUMULATED SO MUCH JOUSEKI AND KNOWLEDGE YOU CAN'T MASTER USING,

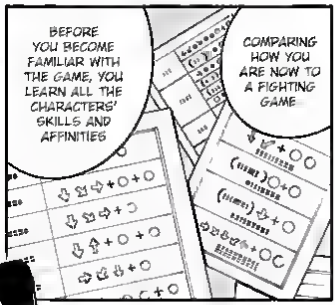
A STRATEGY TO SPECIALIZE IN?
YEAH

YOU SHOULD PROBABLY DECIDE ON A SINGLE STRATEGY TO SPECIALIZE IN


YOU DON'T DO WELL WITH THINKING IN A BROAD AND SHALLOW WAY
I THINK YOU COULD USE YOUR HEAD BETTER BY NARROWING YOUR FOCUS TO ONE STRATEGY YOU CAN USE NO MATTER WHO YOUR OPPONENT IS

WHILE YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT IT, THEY BEAT THE HELL OUT OF YOU...
OOF

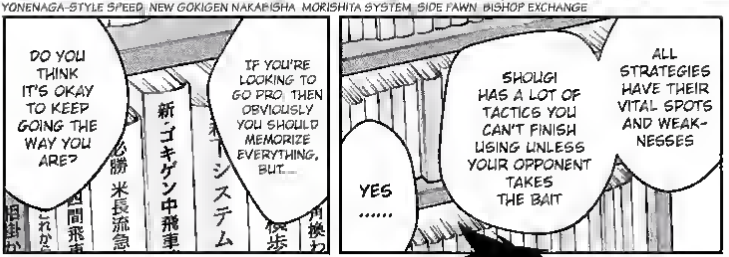
YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR OPPONENT'S MOVES AND COUNTER-MOVES IN YOUR HEAD, BUT-
THE COUNTER MOVE FOR THIS CHARACTER IS FIRST TO JUM


BEFORE YOU BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE GAME, YOU LEARN ALL THE CHARACTERS' SKILLS AND AFFINITIES
COMPARING HOW YOU ARE NOW TO A FIGHTING GAME

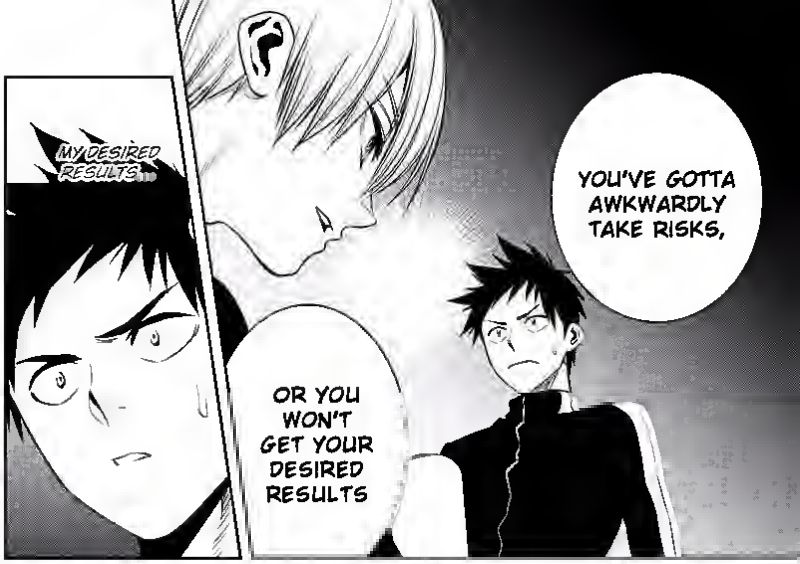
THAT'S WHAT I THINK SUITS YOUR MIND
INSTEAD OF THAT, YOU SHOULD THOROUGHLY MASTER A SINGLE STRATEGY

BUT I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO STUDY EVERYTHING I CAN...
YOU'RE THE TYPE THAT START☆ WITH THE BASIC☆
...WELL, I DON'T THINK THAT'S WRONG

BOOKS LEFT-TO-RIGHT: CONNECTING WITH OTHERS, FROM HERE ON OUT, FOURTH FILE ROOK, CERTAIN VICTORY YONENAGA-STYLE SPEED, NEW GOKIGEN NAKABISHA, MORISHITA SYSTEM, SIDE PAWN, BISHOP EXCHANGE


DO YOU THINK IT'S OKAY TO KEEP GOING THE WAY YOU ARE?
IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO GO PRO, THEN OBVIOUSLY YOU SHOULD MEMORIZE EVERYTHING, BUT...
新・ゴキゲン中飛車
必勝 米長流急
ALL STRATEGIES HAVE THEIR VITAL SPOTS AND WEAK-NESSES
SHOUGI HAS A LOT OF TACTICS YOU CAN'T FINISH USING UNLESS YOUR OPPONENT TAKES THE BAIT
YES .....

THERE ISN'T AN ALL-PURPOSE PRACTICE METHOD THAT'LL WORK FOR EVERY-ONE
IF YOU THINK YOU'RE AWKWARD,
I WANT... TO BE ABLE TO WIN
RIGHT?


MY DESIRED RESULTS...
OR YOU WON'T GET YOUR DESIRED RESULTS
YOU'VE GOTTA AWKWARDLY TAKE RISKS,

IS PIZZA OKAY FOR DINNER?
THE SUN'S SET ALREADY SHINOBU
CRAB SILVER...
SLEEVE ROOK...
SECOND PLAYER ONE MOVE DISADVANTAGE, BISHOP EXCHANGE...

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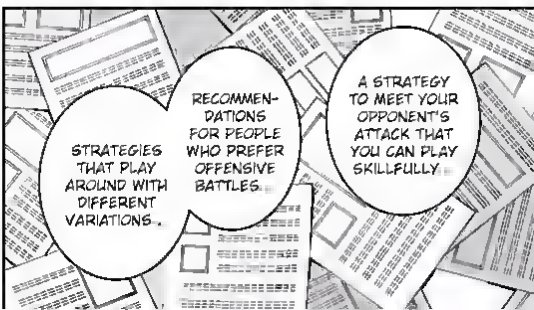
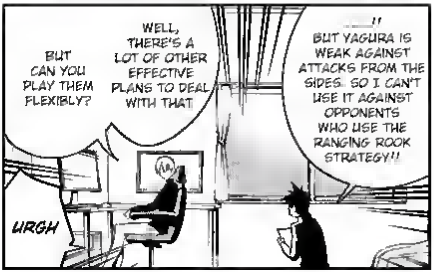
AREN'T YOU MAKING IT HARDER THAN IT HAS TO BE?
NOW LIMITING MY OPTIONS SEEMS SO HARD...


STRATEGIES THAT PLAY AROUND WITH DIFFERENT VARIATIONS...
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PEOPLE WHO PREFER OFFENSIVE BATTLES...
A STRATEGY TO MEET YOUR OPPONENT'S ATTACK THAT YOU CAN PLAY SKILLFULLY...

SOMETHING I USE OFTEN...
JUST BY FEELING
IT CAN BE SOMETHING YOU USE OFTEN WITHOUT THINKING ABOUT IT
YOU DON'T NEED TO MEMORIZE ANYTHING NEW
"SHOUGI LITERATURE
SHOUGI... LITERATURE
YEAH
I THINK IT SUITS YOU, SHINOBU
..I SEE
A REFINED STRATEGY THAT'S EXISTED SINCE THE EDO PERIOD,
IT'S SAID TO HAVE GOTTEN ITS NAME FROM ITS RESEMBLANCE TO A CASTLE WATCHTOWER

YAGURA

EHH!?
YOU CAN JUST USE YAGURA EVEN AGAINST A RANGING ROOK


BUT YAGURA IS WEAK AGAINST ATTACKS FROM THE SIDES. SO I CAN'T USE IT AGAINST OPPONENTS WHO USE THE RANGING ROOK STRATEGY!!
WELL, THERE'S A LOT OF OTHER EFFECTIVE PLANS TO DEAL WITH THAT
BUT CAN YOU PLAY THEM FLEXIBLY?
URGH

THE PROBLEM IS
WHETHER YOU HAVE THE RESOLVE TO GET THAT FAR

IN EXCHANGE, YOU'LL HAVE TO BECOME SOMEONE WHO DEVOTES ALL YOUR TIME AND STRENGTH TO YAGURA-
A SPECIALIST

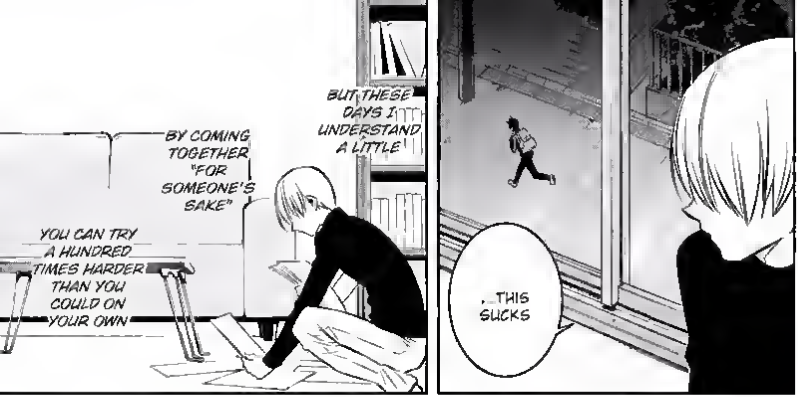
I THINK YOU'D BE PRETTY SCARY IF YOU DID THAT
PURELY AS A RIVAL,
.....
PAVING YOUR WAY WITH YOUR OWN SHOUGI...
WITH AN OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF STUDY AND AN IRON DETERMINATION,
A YAGURA
DEMON

I'M... GOING BACK !!!
I'M SORRY ...
.....!!!
I'M REALLY SORRY .....!!!
...I WANT TO TRY SHOWING HIM RIGHT AWAY
HE'S THE PERSON I'M GOING TO FIGHT WITH TOGETHER
YOU'RE GOING BACK TO THAT RINDOU GUY'S PLACE!?
EH, NOW!?
WHY NOT STAY HERE TONIGHT?

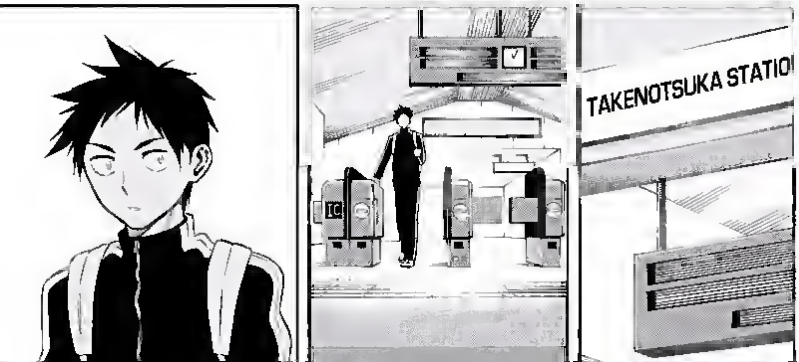
I WON'T HESITATE
IT'S JUST A LITTLE, BUT IF MY CHANCES OF WINNING GET HIGHER,
THIS MIGHT INFLUENCE YOUR ENTIRE SHOUGI CAREER!!!
WAI... YOU'VE ALREADY DECIDED ON YAGURA!? DID YOU THINK THIS THROUGH!?

I'VE ALREADY DECIDED I'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES
JUST TO WIN THE NEXT TOURNAMENT
I REALLY DO UNDER-STAND
HOW MUCH YOU WANT TO WIN, BUT...
SHINO-BU!
.....

DON'T FORGET TO HAVE FUN, OKAY?
...I WON'T !!!
I'M EXCITED ABOUT TRYING OUT A NEW FIGHTING STYLE!!!
.....
...OKAY


BUT THESE DAYS I UNDERSTAND A LITTLE
BY COMING TOGETHER "FOR SOMEONE'S SAKE"
YOU CAN TRY A HUNDRED TIMES HARDER THAN YOU COULD ON YOUR OWN
...THIS SUCKS

JUST WAIT, SHINOBU
I'LL DEFINITELY GO WHERE YOU ARE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KNOWING WHAT KIND OF PERSON YOU ARE...
.....

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
.....

...I'LL KILL YOU
AND COME BACK AFTER A LITTLE WHILE!~
IF YOU'D JUST SAY, "IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM, THEN GET OUT,

...IS THAT WHAT YOU MEANT!?
.....!!!

BUT... WHEN STUFF LIKE THIS HAPPENS YOU CAN COME BACK AFTER A LITTLE WHILE
IT'S MY BAD FOR FORGETTING TO SAY IT OUTRIGHT,

AH!!!
MORE IMPOR-TANTLY !!!
SHINO-BU,
I'M SOR.
.....

HURRY !!!
OI, HOLD IT! WHOSE FAULT DO YOU THINK IT IS THAT I'M...
LET'S GO BACK AND PLAY RIGHT AWAY!!!
THERE'S SOME-THING I WANT TO TRY!!!
MORE IMPOR-TANTLY !?
3

...MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE HE'S THAT WAY
THAT I COULD SAY WE'D DO THIS TOGETHER
ALL YOU WERE THINKING ABOUT WAS SHOUGI
GEEZ, EVEN THOUGH I WAS ALL WORRIED ABOUT THIS AND THAT
LIKE A GIRL OR...

I WANT TO TAKE A GAMBLE
TAKING RISK INTO ACCOUNT
SHINOBU...
THIS IS...

INTO JUST ONE STRATEGY ...?
IF HE PUTS ALL HIS CONCEN-TRATION AND TIME
BUT HE'S COME THIS FAR IN ONE MONTH
... THIS IS WHERE I'D NORMALLY STOP YOU
WITH DOUBT THROWN AWAY, THEY MOVE FORWARD!!
I'LL TAKE ON THAT RESOLVE WITH YOU
.. I GET IT
TRUST YOUR SHOUGI TO ME !!!
UNTIL THE TOUR-NAMENT ...
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